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LONDON, OCT 18 (REUTERS) - AMERICAN U-2 PILOT GARY POWERS HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE STREETS OF MOSCOW, THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE BRITISH NEWS MAGAZINE TOPIC REPORTED TODAY.

THE MAGAZINE SAID HE WAS SPOTTED BY A WESTERN DIPLOMAT STROLLING ALONG MOSCOW'S GORKI STREET, NEAR LUBYANKA PRISON, WHERE POWERS IS INTERNED.

POWERS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GUIDE, ACCORDING TO THE MAGAZINE.

"POWERS HAS SERVED HIS PURPOSE," TOPIC SAID. "THE SUMMIT WAS WRECKED, THE UNITED STATES SUFFERED ONE OF THE BIGGEST-EVER PROPAGANDA DEFEATS IN THE SO-CALLED COLD WAR."

THE MAGAZINE SAID THE APPEARANCE OF POWERS IN THE STREETS OF MOSCOW WAS INTERPRETED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AS THE FIRST STAGE IN THE EMERGENCE OF POWERS AS A ONE-TIME "LACKEY OF THE IMPERIALISTIC CAPITALIST WARMONGERS" NOW CONVERTED TO THE REALIZATION OF SOVIET "PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP."

POWERS WAS THE PILOT AN AMERICAN SPY PLANE SHOT DOWN OVER RUSSIA IN MAY, 1960. HE RECEIVED 10-YEAR SENTENCE FROM A SOVIET COURT.

THE STORY APPEARED IN THE FIRST ISSUE OF TOPIC, A NEW BRITISH MAGAZINE MODELED ON NEWSWEEK AND TIME.
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